

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your son or daughter. You'll find out what they learned today at church, and you can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Joshua and Jericho

Numbers 13; 14:26–33; Joshua 5:13–6:27

God led Joshua and His people into the Promised Land.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS MERCIFUL

Deborah

Judges 4–5

God led His people to victory. After the battle, Deborah and Barak praised God for helping Israel defeat their enemies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- After 80 years of peace, the Israelites turned from the Lord and worshipped false gods. Israel was given into the hands of Jabin—a foreign king. The people cried out to the Lord for deliverance.
- Even in the midst of their disobedience, God delivered His people from the violence and cruelty of their oppressors.
- On the day of victory, Deborah and Barak sang a song telling of God's redemption.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Gather some pots and pans or toy instruments (anything to create “music”). Read the account of Deborah (**Judges 4:4–7, 23–24 and 5:1–9**). Explain that after God helped the Israelites win an important battle, Deborah and Barak praised Him. Invite your children to begin making a “joyful noise to the Lord” by using their instruments as you read the song in chapter 5:1–9. At the end of each verse, encourage your children to join you in declaring, “Praise the Lord!”

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did God tell Deborah to command Barak?
- For what kinds of things did Deborah praise God?
- How can you thank God for His mercy?

Extend these questions into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is merciful into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that's highlighted in next week's portion of The Big God Story.

**We praise you, God, we praise you, for your Name is near;
people tell of your wonderful deeds.
Psalm 75:1**

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may your heart and your voice always sing the story of God's great mercy and love!**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.